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A Letter, ſent from the Lord of *Inchiquine* to the Honorable Collonell *Michaell Iones*, Commander in chiefe of the Parliaments Forces in *Leinſter*,

AND

Governor of the Citty of *Dublin*,

VVith Colonell *Iones* his Anſwer,

To the Lord of *Inchiquines* ſaied Letter.

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The Lord of *Inchiquins* Letter to Colonell *Michaell Iones.*

Sir.

THE *sight of some late past Letters ebtweene his Excellency and you, have by their passages given me more then Comon reason to suspect, that a misunderstanding of our grounds is the greatest cause that foments an unhappy distance betweene us at the present, of how great a Consequence to all our security and felicities a union would bee, as it is obvious to the lowest apprehension, soe ought it not to be contemned by the highest: but to be the labor of us all to discend from those heights which may wyden a breach, and lay hold on those things that most conduce to peace; it has pleased God to make me one of his meanest Instruments to preserve him a remnant (hitherto of Protestants persevering in their first Principles) by my Sword which selfe same worke I am still intending, but should esteeme the happinesse greater if you would please to effect it now by my pen or word by how much I prize a Conquest over the minde more then the body and desteeme the retaineing of a friend more then the subduing*

duing of an Enemy. Sir it is not for Christians to descend to a VVarre like Cocks into a pitt, and fight without knowing how the quarrell began, Blood must bee accounted for, and therefore is not on light Causes to bespilt; besides the Sword has a mouth to devoure Iustice, but no eyes to see how to defend it: if you please therefore before it have exhausted any droppe from either party: to expostulate the matter your self, or by any other whom you will appoint, with a divine or two added to them (in a faire and handsome debate) I shall meete you with the like both in number and quality where it may please God to bestow such a blessing as we are not yet apprehensive of; and I Conjure you as you intend that really which you pretend verbally, (the establishment of the English intrest and Protestant Religion) that you contemne not this nor any other meanes which shall be offered you for your just satisfaction. If you shall, the ill consequences that may attend it will inevitably fall upon you, and I shall with quiet to my Conscience have acquitted my selfe that I have in thus seeking performed the duty of a Christian & to you alsoe (if you please to follow it) the office of

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Inchiquine

Colonell

Colonell *Iones* Answer to my Lord of *Inchiquins* Letter.

My Lord

I recieved your Lordships of the 20 th Instant by your Trumpet, which being the same in substance with those (not long since) passing me with the *Lord of Ormonde*, And that your Lordships, containing nothing new, or more then what was in those others, I must therefore, without further answer (as to soe much,) referre your Lordship to what hath been then *Answered* and *Replyed*.

As for that *Conference* by your Lordship now Propounded and desired It cannot be, in prudence, admitted, especially in matters of this consequence, and in times when such debatings must needs bee Dangerous, as being subject to whatsoever constructions, and misconstructions alsoe.

But soe well am I satisfied in the Iustice of my Cause (whereupon the Lords blessing hath dwelt Visibly, as still it doth) that I am fixed to my just Principles, whence by *Letters* or *Discourses* I am not to be removed. And I wish heartily your Lordship

Lordſhip had done likewiſe.

Your *Sword* hath been (I confeſſe) proſperous but remember my (Lord) the cauſe in which you then appeared the ſame with this now by Vs here maintained againſt thoſe bloody Rebells.

But *Now*, is your Lordſhip with them moſt unhappily joyned, to the admiration of thoſe who knew your Lordſhips former profeſsions, and your once and againe renewed engagements (*Now*. in that your late Confederacy and Countenancing of them in their waies, are you become one of them in that guilt of *Blood*, where withall they, and the whole Land is defiled. And with them (deſerting your firſt principles) doe you *Now* ſet your ſelfe againſt thoſe of the Proteſtant Religion of which once you were, and whereunto you ſtill profeſſe your ſelfe a friend, and whereof they are mortall and profeſſed Enemies.

Your Cauſe therefore being ſoe varied your Lordſhip cannot promiſe your ſelfe the ſame *Providence* as formerly: which we doe and may confidently expect, and the rather, our truſt being in God alone; not in our own ſtrength, whereas your powers and number is that you boaſt off, and in

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which you reſt your ſelves principally.

All which I deſire may be by your Lordſhip Seriouſly and timely Conſidered, for regaining and preſerving to your ſelfe a good Conſcience, and for ſtaying the effuſion of more Engliſh and proteſtant blood, which if by your meanes ſpilt, it muſt lye heavy on you, and on your Poſterity.

I conjure you therefore as you intend that really which you pretend verbally, the eſtabliſhment, of the Engliſh intereſt, and Proteſtant Religion, *that you contemne not* this wholſome Councell now given you. *If you ſhall, the ill Conſequences that now attend it, will inevitably fall on you and* I *ſhall with quiet to my Conſcience have acquited my ſelfe, that* I *have herein performed the duty of a Chriſtian, and to you alſoe (if you pleaſe to follow it) the Office of (my Lord)*

Dublin Iune 21th 1649.

Your Lordſhips Friend and Servant

Mic: Iones

For my Lord of *Inchiquine.*